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# WOT

"One of America's Best Colleges"

## In Top 10 AGAIN!

LeTourneau University has once again been ranked as one of the top ten regional liberal arts colleges in the West by *U.S. News and World Report* magazine. LeTourneau tied for fourth place with Concordia University (California) in the *1995 America's Best Colleges Guide*, released this fall. The publication also ranks the University as offering one the best educational values among colleges its size.

This is the third time the magazine has recognized the University. In 1991, LeTourneau was ranked ninth in the West among regional liberal arts colleges, and in 1993 was listed as the "up and coming" regional liberal arts college in the West.

The designation of "regional liberal arts college" is based on the number of students enrolled and how many graduate programs are offered by the institution. It does not refer to the percentage of students graduating in traditional liberal arts majors, such as English or history.

Rankings are based on a national survey of college presidents, academic deans and admissions directors. Respondents evaluated colleges and universities in a variety of areas, including academic reputation, student selection, faculty resources, financial resources, graduate rate and alumni satisfaction.

"We are extremely pleased to be selected for the third time as one of America's outstanding colleges. We are honored that our professional peers—college presidents, deans and admissions directors—have selected LeTourneau University as noteworthy for its quality, financial stability, graduation rates and alumni satisfaction," said Dr. Alvin O. Austin, LeTourneau president.

Howard Wilson, dean of enrollment, noted, "Students from across America and the world are choosing to attend LeTourneau because of its unique combination of top-quality academic instruction, dynamic student life, reasonable cost and commitment to Christian values. We anticipate that because of this additional recognition even more students will select LeTourneau as their college."

LeTourneau has also been recognized nationally by *Peterson's Guide to Select Colleges* (in the top 10 percent of all colleges and universities in the U.S.) and by the John Templeton Foundation Honor Roll for Character Building Colleges.

## 2000 PLUS

A significant milestone has been reached by the University this fall as enrollment figures surpassed 2,000 students for the first time ever.

Official fall enrollment stands at 2,047 students. This figure includes students in undergraduate and graduate programs in Longview, Dallas and Houston.

The University enrollment has



Maureen Hollensworth, a new student from Athens, Texas, chats with Dr. Herbert Farrell, professor of Biblical studies, during one of the new student orientation sessions. Over 300 new students were welcomed to the Longview campus this fall.

swelled by 303 students in the past year—a 17 percent increase over last year's 1,745 students, and almost triple the enrollment from five years ago. In each of the past five years, the enrollment has increased and set a new record. In 1989, there were just 773 students. Several factors have contributed to the growth, including the addition of new Dallas and Houston programs, growth in the number of graduate students, and additional students on the Longview campus.

The University's stunning growth has delighted University president, Dr. Alvin O. Austin. "I am pleased that once again we have had a record enrollment. People are being attracted to LeTourneau for its quality programs, high standards and strong faith commitment. At a time when many colleges are experiencing declines in enrollment and are struggling to maintain the status quo, we are grateful to see that students recognize LeTourneau as a good place to receive their education," Austin said.

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According to Howard Wilson, dean of enrollment management, the University has been steadily building and expanding to keep abreast of the student growth. A \$1.2 million, 20-unit apartment complex was built during the summer to accommodate married students and their families (see related story in this issue). Several apartments also house junior and senior single women students. In 1992, the University dedicated Longview Hall, its largest-ever academic building. In 1993, LeTourneau doubled the size of its educational center in Dallas and built a five-classroom educational center in Houston to provide for the needs of adult students in its very popular LeTourneau Education for Adult Professionals (LEAP) program. "We're experiencing growth, not only in our historically strong programs of engineering and aviation, but also in the natural sciences, liberal arts and business. Women are also being attracted to LeTourneau University in great numbers," Wilson said.





## President's Message



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# WHY LETOURNEAU GROWS

We have just completed the formal

registration process and tabulated the official Fall semester enrollment. A record total enrollment of 2,047 students are studying at LeTourneau University. This was an increase of more than 300 from a year ago, up 17 percent. Our enrollment growth is not only on our main campus but also at our educational centers in Dallas and Houston. Word is out about this, and several persons have asked, "Why are there increasing numbers of students interested in LeTourneau?" A few have even asked, "What have you compromised in your quality or faith positions in order to attract these additional students?"



**New students line up to receive their orientation materials.**

These are valid questions. First, let me strongly affirm that we haven't compromised our academic quality or our spiritual commitments in order to achieve growth. In fact, the academic quality of our students has significantly improved as we have grown from the 753 students which we had in the mid 1980's. The average SAT test scores for entering freshmen has gone up from around 930 to 1050, making us one of the stronger institutions of our size. While academically strong, we have not sought to limit our enrollment just to the best or the brightest. The ongoing quality of our student work, as evidenced by various national test norms for graduating students, and by the continuing high placement rate of our graduates in business and industry, speaks well for the LeTourneau program. I believe that quality attracts quality, and one reason for our growth is that students and their families are finding that a Christian college experience need not be deficient in academic quality, and they find that quality here at LeTourneau.

However, quality by itself isn't the reason for our growth. There are many other colleges that have strong academic programs. What makes LeTourneau distinctive from most of these is our unwavering commitment to our Christian faith, and our attempt to surround and integrate everything that we teach and do with that faith. We call this unique faith perspective a "Christian worldview." Every academic problem, every choice in life, every response to the issues of the world, is approached from a different perspective if one seeks to view it through the

eyes of Christ.

This faith integration is carried out through the purposeful inclusion of Biblical perspectives in the curriculum.

It is an intentional part of all of campus life, from chapel times to residence hall Bible studies to the way in which we seek to role model the Christian life on the athletic field and through student ministry and service projects. Our commitment to hire only Christian faculty and staff, and our adherence to Biblically-based behavioral expectations is an integral ingredient in this holistic approach to education. In its totality, this provides for a learning environment that is truly distinctive.

It's this unique blend of quality academic programs and an unapologetic and enthusiastic commitment to the Christian faith that is attracting students to LeTourneau. Students and families are wanting a values-based experience, one that builds solid spiritual character. But they also want a learning environment that is challenging and academically credible. Our motto, "Faith brings us together, ingenuity sets us apart," captures the essence of LeTourneau University. We are grateful that in an era where worldly values dominate our culture, there is an increasing number of students who are making the choice for a different kind of educational experience, a Christ-centered, quality experience at LeTourneau University.

We rejoice that our students have this opportunity to learn and to grow in faith and admonition to the Lord, as they also prepare for lives of leadership and service.

# TOURS 1,1995

June 17-July 1

## European Tour

Focus will be on historical and religious sites. Includes Holland, Germany, Italy, France, Austria and Switzerland.

July/August

## Biblical Cruise/Tour

Seven-night cruise on the Mediterranean Sea, plus Athens. Visit Ephesus and many other Biblical sites.

Special lectures will enhance the cruise and tour.

Call for specific dates.

**For more information, write to Special Programs,  
LeTourneau University, Longview, TX 75607,  
or call Georgie Willcox at 1-800-884-6838.**



# EXPERIENCE COUNTS!.....

Twenty faculty and staff members were recently honored for their years of service to LeTourneau University. "Between them they have 270 years of dedicated service to LeTourneau. We are very grateful for their dedication, leadership and example," said Dr. Alvin Austin.



**Five-Year and 10-Year Service.** Pictured from left to right are: Frank Valenza, John Galliano, Linda Musser, Linda Price, Merrily Cundiff, Wanda Powell, Sue Edmonson, Carolyn Miller and Bill Franklin.

Honored for five years' service were: Merrily Cundiff, senior admissions counselor; Sue Edmonson, administrative secretary; John Galliano, director of alumni relations; Carolyn Miller, data management clerk; Linda Musser, administrative assistant; Wanda Powell, secretary; Linda Price, secretary; and Frank Valenza, head mechanic.

Honored for ten years' service was Dr. Bill Franklin, associate dean of student affairs.

Honored for 15 years' service were:

Dr. Stephen Armstrong, professor, division of mathematics and computer science; Bryan Benson, assistant professor of aviation and director of flight training; Dr. Paul Leiffer, professor, division of engineering and engineering technology; and Bill Morgan, associate professor, division of engineering and engineering technology.

Honored for 20 years' service were:

Dr. Larry Anderson, chairman and professor, division of mathematics and computer science; Rita Courson, administrative assistant; Mary Jackson, secretary; and Dr. Paul Kubricht, chairman and professor, division of liberal arts.

Honored for 25 years' service were:

Don Connors, director of institutional planning and assessment; and Roger Erickstad, associate professor of mathematics.

Honored for 30 years' service was Dr. Ken Durham, professor of liberal arts.

Each honoree was presented with an appropriate service award pin.

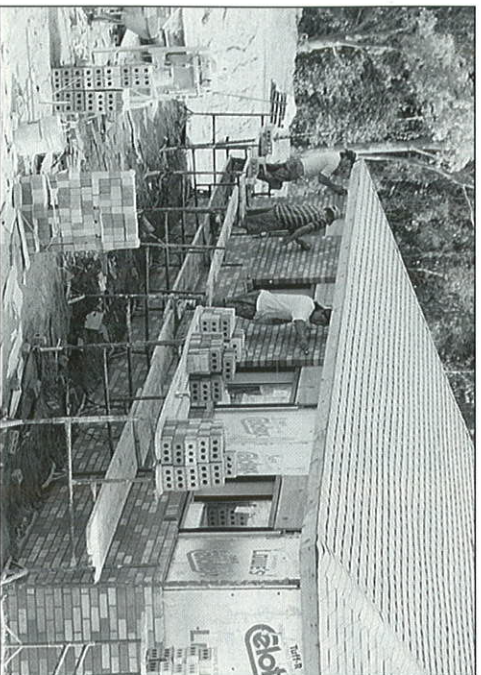


**15-Year, 20-Year, 25-Year and 30-Year Service.** Pictured from left to right are: Paul Leiffer, Bryan Benson, Bill Morgan, Mary Jackson, Stephen Armstrong, Larry Anderson, Roger Erickstad, Ken Durham and Don Connors. Not pictured: Rita Courson and Paul Kubricht.

## Fast Work—Right Price

Construction workers were still working on final details and landscaping, but the five new quadruplex apartment units, built during the summer, were ready for occupancy when students arrived for fall classes. "I want to commend Louis Dagel, construction superintendent, and Systems Construction Company (SCC) for the outstanding job they did. The project was completed on time and under budget. Plus, the buildings are beautiful," said Greg Harrelson, director of the physical plant.

Each of the five buildings contains four modern and comfortable two-bedroom apartments. The units will provide additional housing for married students, although some of the apartments will be occupied by single women students this year. The groundbreaking for the units was held in late March.



Masonry crews were part of a team of dozens of construction personnel who worked long hours to complete the new student housing quadruplex units.

### NEW FACULTY JOIN LETOURNEAU

Nine new faculty members have joined the ministry of LeTourneau University in 1994. They are:

**Dr. David Brooks**, assistant professor of biology. He is a 1983 graduate of East Texas Baptist University (biology), and holds an M.S. (plant pathology and micro biology) and Ph.D. (zoology) from Texas A&M University. He previously served at Texas A&M. He and his wife, Sharon, have one child, Matthew.

**Sean Fortier**, instructor in aviation technology. He is a 1991 graduate of Moody Aviation. He previously served with Redlands Aviation Corporation, a division of Missionary Aviation Fellowship. He and his wife, Cheryl, have one child, Sarah.

**Dr. Marshall Horton**, assistant professor of business administration, Dallas Educational Center. He is a 1983 graduate of Texas Wesleyan University (economics and finance) and holds an M.A. (economics) and Ph.D. (economics) from Southern Methodist University. He previously served with Guaranty Federal Bank. He and his wife, Mary Esther, have three children, Hannah, Lydia and Timothy.

**Harry Jordan II**, and his wife, Nan, are serving as the 1994-95 missionaries-in-residence. He is a 1978 graduate of Troy State University (management) and holds an M.R.E. (religious education) from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Harry and Nan are missionaries to Japan with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. They have two children, John and Nelwyn.

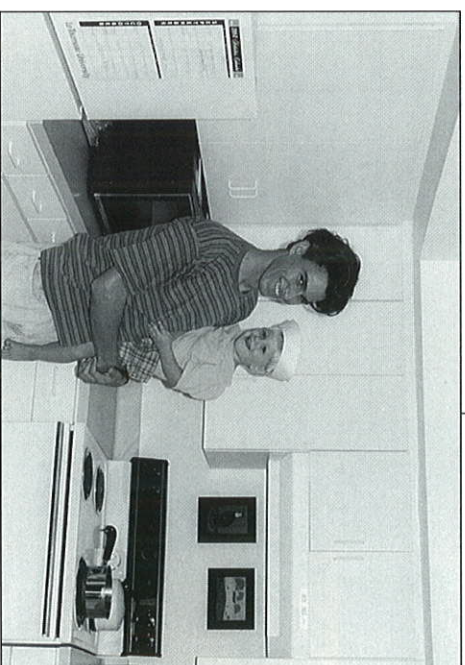
**Dr. Richard Lewis, Jr.**, associate professor of business administration. He is a 1968 graduate of Southern Illinois University (finance) and holds an M.S. from Northern Illinois University (business education and administrative services), an M.B.A. from East Texas State University (finance) and a D.B.A. from Louisiana Tech (marketing). He previously served at East Texas Baptist University. He and his wife Theresa, have three daughters.

**Mary Ann Orwell**, assistant professor of physical education and women's basketball coach. She is a 1964 graduate of Ouachita Baptist University (physical education) and holds an M.S.E. from Arkansas State University (physical education). Orwell had previously served as head women's basketball coach at Stephen F. Austin University.

**Doris Riley**, instructor in English. She is a 1975 graduate of East Texas State University (photography) and holds an M.A. from Stephen F. Austin University (English). Riley had served LeTourneau as an adjunct faculty member prior to her full-time position. She and her husband, Andrew, have two children, Lauren and Andrea.

**Dr. Gordon Severance**, professor of business administration, Houston Educational Center. He is a 1943 graduate of Stanford University (economics) and holds an M.A. from Stanford (economics), a J.D. from the University of Southern California School of Law and a Ph.D. from the University of Southern California (economics).

**Dr. Vicki Sheaffer**, assistant professor of psychology. She is a 1990 graduate of Union College (psychology/sociology) and holds an M.S. (social psychology) and Ph.D. (social psychology) from Miami (Ohio) University. She previously served at Northern Kentucky University.



Junior Ryan Ollenburger holds his son, Nathan, in the kitchen of his new apartment. Ollenburger is a business and aviation technology major. He and his wife, Renee, are from Soquel, California.





Assistant soccer camp director, Tom Wait, demonstrates a behind-the-back kick as campers look on. Under the direction of Paula Beach, director of continuing education, the University offered nearly two dozen academic and sports-related camps this past summer. Nearly 600 campers participated in resident and day programs. Those interested in more information about 1995 camps and other continuing education programs should contact Paula Beach at (903) 753-0231, ext 435.

## DETERMINED LEARNER

Back in 1961, Donald Froehner began an industrial engineering degree, but he had to drop out before he could finish. The education he received definitely helped—he is a senior engineering designer for the Dow Chemical Company — but Don was determined to earn his bachelor's degree. And he's on his way to fulfilling a 30-year dream. Don is enrolled in the BSBM program in Houston and due to graduate in early 1996.

*Catherine Beaird  
Moved*



Catherine Beaird, technical services coordinator for the University's Learning Resource Center, was recently honored with a plaque of recognition from the Forest Trails Library Consortium. Beaird was recognized for her exceptional efforts as the coordinator

of a U.S. Department of Education grant which computerized library records for several of the East Texas libraries which make up the Forest Trails Consortium. Dr. Charles Harrell, director of the library at the University of Texas at Tyler and president of the consortium, presented the plaque at a recent consortium meeting.

## AVIATION SOCIETY BUILDING TAKES OFF



Members and alumni of the LeTourneau Aviation Society have broken ground for a new LeTourneau Aviation Society residence. Construction has begun and should be completed by next spring. The society has been in temporary quarters since their 50-year-old barracks building was removed in 1993. The building will house 20 students and

## Engineering & Ethics

How could a brilliant and respected engineer like Fritz Sander, who designed and created high capacity heating devices, also create incinerators to destroy Nazi concentration camp victims? Professors Bill Graft and Paul Leiffer, along with Wayne Helmer of Southern Illinois University, have been dealing with that question as part of a series of professional papers presented each year at the annual conference of the American Society for Engineering Education. The 1994 paper was *The Importance of Worldviews in the Teaching of Engineering and Ethics*. "Our goal was to show the need for a theistic ethical base in the teaching of engineering. Decisions are not made in a vacuum; a person's worldview will affect all our decisions," said Leiffer.

# GTE Corporate Classroom Ringing Success

The beautiful GTE Telephone Operations World Headquarters in Irving, Texas, is more than the hub of a worldwide telecommunications corporation. It is also one of LeTourneau University's corporate class sites. GTE employees and others can earn their bachelor's and master's degrees right at the headquarters and never leave the building.

"I loved the convenience and quality of my LeTourneau program. I was able to leave my office at the end of the day and just walk to my classroom. And what I learned in class I could immediately apply to my work," said Holly MacRae, GTE Telephone Operations manager of employee relations. MacRae serves as the corporate liaison officer for degree programs and is a LeTourneau alumnae. She recently completed her bachelor of business management degree and took all

her major course work at the GTE headquarters.

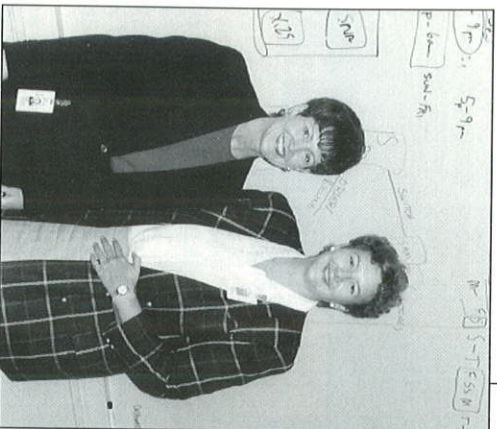
The LeTourneau-GTE connection began in the fall of 1992. MacRae learned about LeTourneau University's program for adult professionals and met with LeTourneau's marketing representative, Nancy Jackson, to discuss the possibility of offering a degree program at the GTE facility. Their first goal: to determine interest among employees.

An informational meeting brought a resounding "yes" to the question about interest. "There were 150 people at the first GTE informational session, with an additional 40 at another GTE facility," Jackson said. Out of that group there were 32 who became students at the GTE headquarters, with about half in a bachelor of business management (BSBM) class and half in a master of business administration (MBA) class. The first BSBM class, which included MacRae, began in January 1993 and ended in August. The first MBA class will finish their course work later this year. About 70 other GTE students are also enrolled in LeTourneau degree programs in classes which meet at the LeTourneau centers in

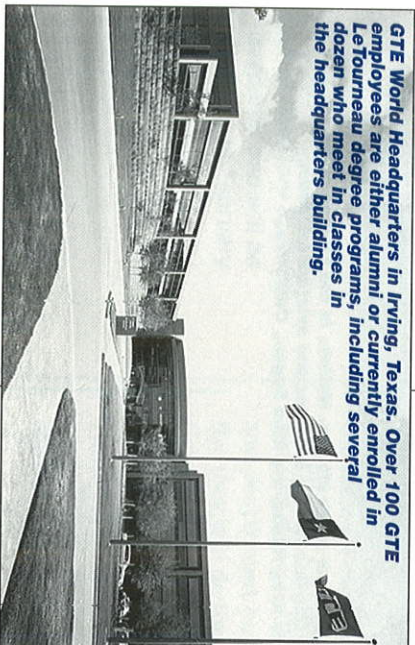
Dallas and Bedford. According to Robert Geiman, director of LeTourneau programs in the Dallas area, the LeTourneau-GTE connection has been a good one. "Our faculty look forward to teaching at GTE. The quality of the classroom facilities and environment has been great, and the quality of the GTE students—both at the headquarters and those in our other classes—has been superb," Geiman said.

For MacRae, who has reviewed the program both as a student and as a GTE manager, the LeTourneau-GTE connection has met some real company needs: "GTE believes education is an ongoing process by which individuals grow personally and professionally to become more valued employees. Employees face many challenges when pursuing university programs, while balancing the demands of work and home life. And LeTourneau has offered an education program that helps meet those challenges," she said.

LeTourneau is one of several universities which offer classes at GTE, and the only one offering a total degree program which is available completely on site in Irving.



Holly MacRae, left, GTE manager of employee relations, and Nancy Jackson, LeTourneau University marketing representative, worked together to bring the University to the GTE World Headquarters.



GTE World Headquarters in Irving, Texas. Over 100 GTE employees are either alumni or currently enrolled in LeTourneau degree programs, including several dozen who meet in classes in the headquarters building.



# THREE INJURED IN PLANE CRASH IN COLORADO

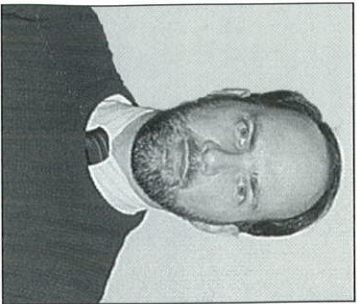
Two LeTourneau University flight students and their flight instructor were hospitalized after surviving the crash of their light plane in the Colorado mountains on Saturday, October 1.

Reasons for the crash are still unknown, but the plane, a Piper Arrow which was one of the University's fleet, made an unscheduled hard landing about three miles south of Wolf Creek Pass, which is about 40 miles northeast of Pagosa Springs, Colorado. The three were on a cross-country training flight that included mountain flight training. The Saturday leg of the trip had originated in San Diego, California, and the flight plan called for a stop in Alamosa, Colorado.

Injured in the crash were LeTourneau University chief flight instructor, Gordon Moore, 42, Longview, Texas, senior Rob Vernon, 21, St. Albans, W.V. and senior Jeff Hogue, 21, Eugene, Oregon. Moore suffered leg, arm and face injuries. Hogue had damage to his face. Vernon suffered severe injuries to his legs and head and was listed in critical condition. Hospital personnel do not feel that Rob's injuries are life-threatening, but he has sustained multiple, massive injuries.

The trio were at the crash through the night in 32 degree temperatures before rescuers located them and were able to remove them from the plane about 2:30 Sunday morning.

Several LeTourneau staff members, the students' parents and Moore's wife, Barbara, traveled to be with the injured students and Moore.



Gordon Moore



Jeffrey Hogue



Robert Vernon

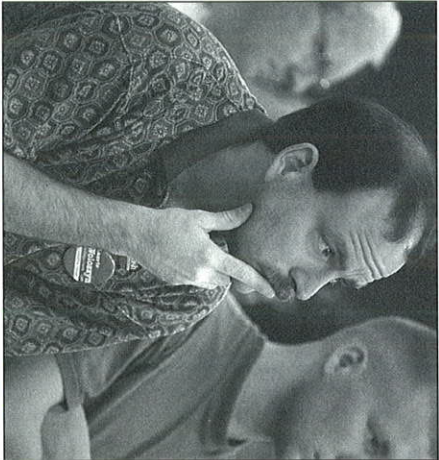
According to Lauren Bitikofer, chairman of the division of aviation and aviation technology, reasons for the crash are still unknown. Media speculation that the plane had flown into a snow storm is not correct, although the possibility exists that the cause might have been weather-related. Officials from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) are reviewing the crash, but a report will not be available for some time.

## Campus & Community Gather to Pray & Rejoice

More than 900 students, staff, faculty and friends from the community gathered in a special praise chapel following the crash of a LeTourneau plane in Colorado. The crash injured two students and a flight instructor.

In spite of the injuries suffered by the three, the mood was one of praise and rejoicing, as the audience learned how God had preserved the lives of the victims and that their medical conditions were steadily improving.

Dr. Phil Hook, professor of Bible, brought a powerful sermon about the need to rejoice in suffering, even when we don't understand why we suffer. "The example of Job tells us that bad things happen to good people. We need to understand God's plan and rejoice in whatever He has for us," said Hook.

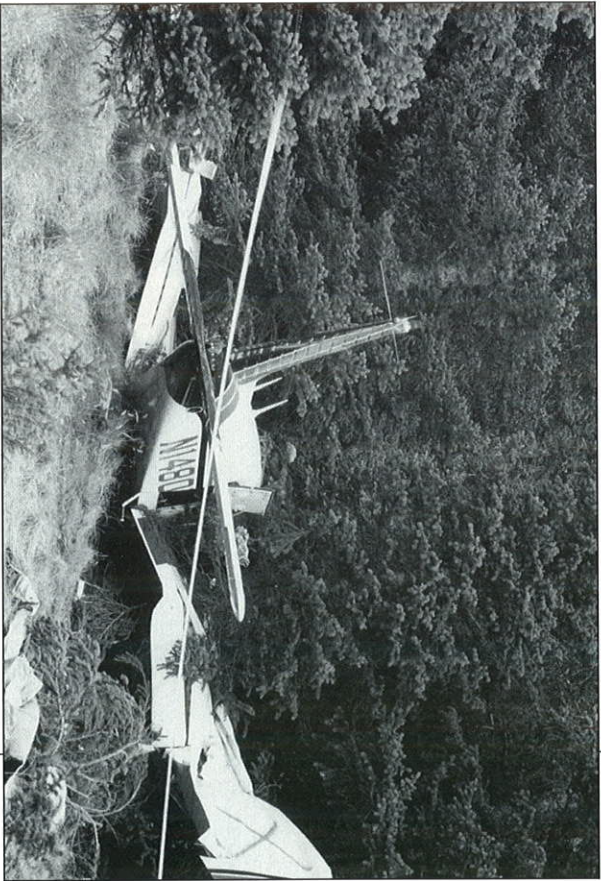


LeTourneau University student Dennis Suiter listens intently as Vice President for Student Affairs, Charles Hood, describes the medical conditions of the three injured in the crash during a special praise chapel. (Photo by Allen Hensley, used by permission of the Longview News Journal)

"We're confident that God has a plan to use this situation for His glory," said Dr. Charles Hood, vice-president for student affairs. Hood noted that hundreds of LeTourneau alumni and other members of the "LeTourneau family" had responded to the

crisis with an outpouring of prayer, encouragement and physical support. "Alumni and friends of LeTourneau have called from as far as away as Japan," Hood said. He also commented on the strong witness and example of the three victims' families.

"We believe in the power of prayer. Times like this show our true colors as a community of believers," said President Alvin Austin, following the chapel. Austin has encouraged alumni and friends to continue in prayer for Moore, Hogue and Vernon.



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**Medical Updates**  
To receive updates on the medical status of Gordon, Jeff and Rob, please call the office of Student Affairs, (903) 753-0231, during normal business hours.



COMING ALUMNI EVENTS:

This is a selected list of various activities planned for this academic year. For a complete list of events contact the Alumni office.

- November 11 ..... LadyJacket Basketball at John Brown. Siloam Springs, Ark.
- November 19 ..... Hoopla Dinner & Basketball. Longview
- November 22 ..... Men's Basketball at Texas Wesleyan. Ft. Worth, Texas
- November 25 ..... LadyJacket Basketball at U. of Dallas.
- December 17 ..... Graduation
- January 3-6 ..... Men's Basketball in Southern Calif.
- January 13 ..... LadyJacket Basketball at McMurry. Abilene, Texas
- January 6 ..... Men's Basketball at Loyola Univ. New Orleans.
- January 28 ..... LadyJacket Basketball at U. of Dallas.
- February 4 ..... LadyJacket Basketball at LSU-Shreveport.
- February 25 ..... Men's Basketball at Houston Baptist.
- March 3-5 ..... Parent's weekend. Longview Campus
- April 5 ..... AWS Welding Alumni Banquet. Cleveland, Ohio
- April 3 - 9 ..... Frontier Week/ Society Reunions. Longview Campus

Create an Opportunity!

We are excited about the response from the phonation this year. We raised over \$57,000 and are well on our way toward meeting our goal of \$85,000.

Please be in prayer with us as many alumni are deciding on how God wants them to participate.

The 1995-1996 Alumni Directory is being prepared and will be available in February.

Heritage Week  
A Legacy of Faith

"A Legacy of Faith" is the theme for the 1994 Heritage Week celebration, November 1-5. Heritage Week is being planned to celebrate the unique history of LeTourneau University and honor those who worked, prayed and gave to bring us to where we are today.

Special events planned include the LeTourneau University Banquet on Thursday, Nov. 3; the Dinner Musical, "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," on Friday, Nov. 4; the Alumni Executive Board Breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 5; and several special chapels, including a Founder's Day Chapel. Call the Alumni office for more details.

ALUM FEATURED ON PAUL HARVEY NEWS

North Dakota alum Owen Blickensderfer (AT 1975-79) wasn't all that surprised when nationally syndicated columnist and radio personality Paul Harvey called to interview Blickensderfer about his part-time job. When you are in the rhino removal business, you get used to media attention.

Blickensderfer is the owner and operator of "Owen's Pretty Good Rhino Removal Service," a part-time business which he started to supplement his farming income.

Business isn't exactly booming, but Blickensderfer, in typical LeTourneau fashion, is having a good time.



Using a metal model, Owen Blickensderfer demonstrates a technique he utilizes to calm frightened rhinoceroses during the rhino removal process.

uncommon among animals. At the faintest scent of smoke, a rhino will rush to the sight of the fire and begin to furiously trample the flames or burning embers. "Heaven help anyone who gets between one these beasts and a fire," Blickensderfer said.

Even domesticated rhinos share this trait, and it's not uncommon for pet rhinos to become hopelessly lodged in the fireplace. That's when Owen's Pretty Good Rhino Removal Service is called.

Tools of the trade include a block and tackle, along with several specially-designed harnesses, various sizes of crowbars and a five-gallon bucket of petroleum jelly.

Blickensderfer admits that so far business has been a bit slow. "The rhino craze has not swept North Dakota," he sadly notes. But, in the meanwhile, he feels the national media attention will help make for a productive fall and winter season. "I've been interviewed in papers and on the radio all over the state, and in July was interviewed by Paul Harvey, who featured my business in both his column and radio program (July 2, 1994). I feel that things will definitely be picking up when the cold weather comes and people start building fires again. Rhinos will be rhinos, and if there is a fire they will do their best to put it out. And when they do, Owen's Pretty Good Rhino Removal Service will be there to get them out," Blickensderfer concludes.

This story was adapted, with permission, from an article which appeared in the Bismarck, North Dakota Tribune.

Alum Update



Roy Moritz (WE '50)

Roy Moritz (WE '50), Ted Wilkinson (WE '58) and Terry Smith ('58-'59) were among the many alumni who stopped by the



Ted Wilkinson (WE '58)



Terry Smith (WE '59)

LeTourneau booth at the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) annual fly-in convention, held in Oshkosh, Wisc. in July.

John House (ME '52) recently began working as a volunteer in the Alumni Office. John is retired from Marathon LeTourneau. We are glad to have him helping us!!



Tom (IE '60-62) & Clare Chandler

Tom Chandler (IE '60-62) had great opportunities to witness at the 1994 World Champion Gran Prix Races in September in Laguna Seca, Calif. The Lord opened the doors for Tom to hold religious services, to pray personally with several racers and to witness to press representatives from several foreign countries. Tom works with Habakkuk Ministries, and plans to return to India in November to train Indian missionaries.

Harvey Draper (IE '61) writes that he (pictured on the right) Dwight Bressee (IS '61) (center)



Leroy Henderson, Dwight Bressee & Harvey Draper

and Leroy Henderson (MES '61) (left) had a mini-reunion at Dwight's home in Garland, Texas. All three were 1961 graduates and shared an on-campus apartment their last year- and-a-half of school. The three had not

been together for 33 years.

Donald R. Petry (ES '61) died 9/2/94 in Tampa, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Mary.

Wayne (AT '63) and Cheryl Huyett celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on 8/28/94. The Huyetts work for JAARS in Waxhaw, N.C.

Jim Hughey (back to camera), vice-president of University Advancement, talks with alumnus Roger Helm '63 and his wife, Jean, at the annual Chicago alumni meeting.



Jim Hughey, Jean & Roger Helm

John (ET '64) and Janice Sissom celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on 5/31/94. John works for Delco Electronics in Indiana. He is a member of the board of trustees for EBM, a mission organization. In the past, he has had the opportunity to travel to Venezuela and Mali, West Africa to do mission work.

Ronald Petros (AT '66-67) died in a drowning accident on 8/12/94 while swimming off Dana Point, Calif. Ron lived in Alaska and worked as an aircraft mechanic for Federal Express. He is survived by his wife and two teenage sons.

Harold (BI '68) and Carol Krause celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on 6/24/94. The Krauses work as missionaries for CAM International in Honduras.

A group of Alpha Omega (AO) current members and alumni met for a time of reminiscing and fun at the Michigan home of Dave Whitten (ME '69). The alumni were victorious on



Alpha Omega current members and alumni.

the volleyball court. Alumni pictured here, all on the back row are: (from l. to r.) John Earhart (MT '69), Dave Currie (ME '69), Dave Whitten and Jim Miller (CHM '70). Current AO members are: (beginning with second person on left) Dave Gordan, Nate Waski and Craig Miller. Dave Whitten's son, Scott Whitten, (right, first row), rounded-out the current member team.



**Bob (BI '69) and Maxine (HI/EN '83) Johnson** are now in the pastorate. Bob is pastoring the Arsenal Hill Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S.C., and Maxine is in her new career as pastor's wife.

**Bruce Malenke (IE '71)**, died 9/8/94 as a result of the USAir plane crash near Pittsburgh, Penn. He is survived by his parents, a brother and two sisters, and his wife, Faith, a 1970 graduate, and three children, Daryl, Hope and Joshua. Bruce was a member of the Delta Sigma Psi society.

**Steve LaFleur (BU '72)** is chairman for the Alumni Athletic Task Force. Steve was recently on campus to discuss future alumni activities and events with the LeTourneau athletic staff.

**Nick (MT '74) and Tracy Brothers** greeted Laura Rose on 5/16/94. She was born in Durango, Colo., where the Brothers direct the Cross Bar X Youth Ranch.

**Dan (EN '74) and Debra Younger** announce the arrival of Scott Marvin Gerald on 6/9/94. He weighed 9 lbs 10 ozs. The Youngers live in N. Richland Hills, Texas, where Dan is the pastor of the Grace Brethren Church.

**Patrick G. Chapman (HI '75)** died on 7/3/93 of a rare form of liver cancer. His son, Jonathan, was born 16 days prior to his death. His wife, Carrie, requests our prayers as she continues to cope with her loss.

**Loretta "Wallace" (ED/MA '76) and Dave Hill** are very pleased with the arrival of Claire Trella. Claire was born on 7/3/94 in Houston, Texas.

**Roger Kieffer (PE '76)** was named 1994 "Admissions Officer of the Year" by the National Association of Christian College Admissions Personnel. Roger is vice president for enrollment at King College in Tennessee.

**Art (AT '76) and Donna Salatin** returned to Indonesia this month after a few months in the US.



Art (AT'76), Donna Salatin & family

**Mark (ET '77) and Ana Ahlenius** announce the arrival of their third son, Jordan Scott was born 8/19/94. Mark works for Motorola as a senior staff engineer in Arlington Hts., Ill.



Jim (BI/MI '78), Connie Knowlton & family.

**Jim (BI/MI '78) and Connie Knowlton** believe it is better to give than receive. Jim donated one of his kidneys to his father on 6/21/94. Everything went well, and they are now in Charlotte, N.C., where they work with SIM International.

**Cecilia Miller (HI '80)**

won the prestigious Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship which allows her to study in Germany for up to two years. Cecilia is an assistant professor of History at Wesleyan University in Connecticut. Cecilia earned her doctorate in 1988.

**Deb (ME '80) "Fulghum" and San Robey** announce the birth of Hannah Lee on 7/9/94. The Robeys live in Tyler, Texas, where Deb is an engineer with Southwestern Bell Telephone.

**David C. (BU '81) and Andrea Williams** are very proud of Lorna Michelle who was born on 2/15/94. The Williams live in Manassas, Va., where David is a financial analyst for Lorai Corporation.

**Kevin (ET '82) and Sheri Robery** have been accepted with New Tribes Mission. They will be working with the New Tribes Mission Video Production Facility near Milwaukee, Wis.

**David (WT '84) and Mary (PE '85) "Hancock" Hoffman** have a second child, Anna Elise was born 5/5/94 in Wichita, Kan. She was welcomed home by big brother, Michael.

**Ray (MT '84) and Renee Moffat** are thrilled with the arrival of Rory Taylor on 7/3/94. Rory joins twin brothers Ross & Ryan who are 2 1/2 yrs. old.

**Dan Fauber (ME '85)** has received a senior reactor operators license from the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Dan is an engineer at TU Electric's Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant.

**Mark Livengood (ME '82-85) married Stephanie** on 6/3/94. They now live in Smithville, Ohio.

**Allan (AT '86) and Jennifer Blecker's** Timothy Jonathan was born 2/27/94 and is their fifth child.

**Roger (BU/DT '86) and Paula Davis** announce the birth of Tyler Scott on 3/20/94. He joins big brother, Nathan.

**April (CH '86) and Otto (MT '89) Habeger** now have three little girls. Twins, Elizabeth Joy and Cathleen Grace, were born 7/31/94 in Nairobi, Kenya. They were welcomed home by big sister, Angela. The Habegers work with JAARS in Sudan, Africa.

**Mark (BI/AT '86) and Ruth Ellen Marteson** recently had their first child, Wesley Glenn was born 9/8/94 in Bridgeport, W.Va.

**Frank Settles, III (EN/HI '86) married Jennifer English** on 8/20/94, and they live in Las Vegas, Nev.



Minneapolis-St. Paul alumni and their spouses met in July at the Mail of America, annual alumni meeting.

**Chris (CSE '86) and Karen Sothl** are pleased to announce the arrival of Kaitlyn Christine. Kaitlyn was born 6/8/94 and weighed 7 lbs 12 ozs. The Sothl family lives in Ft. Worth, Texas.

**Herb Winters (AT '86) married Jill Johnson** on 7/2/94 in Houston, Texas. Herb works for Continental Airlines in Houston.

**Larry (AT '86) and Linda Whiting** are back to normal after a harrowing experience for Larry. It took one emergency MAF flight, 2 ambulance rides, 3 weeks of hospital stay in 4 hospitals, and 15 IV sites to cure Larry of a diseased gallbladder. He and Linda are happy to be flying again for MAF in Indonesia.

**Kirk (BU '87) and Kristi "Stringer" ('85-87) Erickstad** announce the birth of Kara Elizabeth born 4/6/94. Her proud brothers are Devin and Jared.

**Daniel (WT/IM '87) and Susan Mann** proudly announce the birth of their first child, Monica Lee, on 7/15/94.

**Eric (EE '87) and Lynn Swartout** had a baby boy on 5/13/94. Kyle weighed 7lbs. 7 ozs. and he lives in Port Allegany, Pa.

**Mike (AT '88) and Jodi (AMT/EN '91) Bunn** and son, Benjamin, have been traveling in the states for the past five months. The Bunnns serve with Air/YWAM in Brazil.

**Robert (MT/DT '88) and Valerie (BU '87) Palmer** are the proud parents of Kassanora Thea, born 8/24/93.

**Leon Ferraez, Jr. (BU '89)** was promoted to senior financial analyst for America II Electronics, Inc.

**Dan Rohrbach (ME '89) married Karen 5/25/94.** Dan is an engineer for Modular Concepts in Burnsville, Minn.

**Josh (BU/AT '93) and Lorna Murdock** now have a daughter, Morgan Ashley was born 7/20/94 in Ketchikan, Alaska, and weighed 7 lbs 12 ozs.



Indianapolis area alumni & family members met at the Best Lock Corporation for their annual alumni gathering, July 19.

**Mike W. Myers ('86-90)** has been accepted into the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio medical school. Mike graduated from Dallas Baptist University in 1992.

**Tim (AT '91) and Mary Beth Danicls** are now in Unalakleet, Alaska, where Tim is an aviation mechanic for Ryan Air.

**Jamie (AT '91) and Sandra Thompson** is second child, Logan, was born 1/28/94. Jamie is the flight director for Lorai Aerospace in Matagorda, Texas.

**Michael Parchie (AT '92) and Marcena Deneptiya (BU '93)** were married on 6/4/94. The wedding took place at Speer Chapel on campus.

**Jerry (BM '92) and Charlotte Nix** are proud to announce the birth of Sarah Ann on 1/30/94. They live in Waco, Texas.

**What do you look like these days? We have changed the Alumnus section to allow for more information and more pictures. We can use both color and black and white prints or slides.**

**Rob Bryant (BM '93)** was in the Guinness Book of Records for "Rowing" 3,280 miles across the U.S. from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C., in 1990. Rob used a RowCycle to venture across country.

**Bill Lockhart, Jr. (BM '93)** is the president of the newly formed North Texas Alumni chapter. Planning is being done now for future meetings in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area.

Other officers for the NTA chapter are **Brenda Adams (BM '92)**, **Cathy Estes (BM '93)**, **Chris Sothl (CSE '86)**, and **Del Newberry (BM '93)**.

**KEEP IN TOUCH !**  
Send us news of what's happening in your life. Don't be left out.

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**Did You Have a Favorite Prof? Ken Durham needs a paragraph from you about your favorite professor for our 50th anniversary book. Send your comments to the Alumni office by December 1.**



John Galiano

## God Knows What To Do Even When We Don't

"Am I the only alum to suffer this trial?"

In recent months I've heard that question—or a version of it—from a number of alumni. It looks like our alumni family is facing more trials than ever before. Satan is hard at work to destroy the people of God. And one of the enemy's most devious plans is to divide and separate—making us feel that we are the only ones to ever face this particular trial.

That's why these verses are so important to me:

"We've been surrounded and battered by troubles, but not demoralized; we're not sure what to do, but we know that God knows what to do... So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without His unfolding grace."

(The Message, Eugene Peterson)  
Corinthians 4:8-9

Feeling battered? Surrounded by troubles? Here's the good news: God knows what to do even when we don't. Now is the time God wants to show His grace to you and me.

Take the time to encourage other alumni that they are not alone in their trials. Let them know that God, and you, are standing with them.

## HOOPSTERS TO MAKE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SWING

The LeTourneau University men's basketball team will visit Southern California early next year. They will take part in a tournament at Azusa Pacific University Jan. 3-4, and will also play a single game at Concordia-Irvine on Jan. 6. Plans are underway to coordinate this trip with several Southern California alumni activities. Southland area alumni should watch for more details in the mail.



# High Hopes For Fall and Winter

The 1994-95 season may turn out to be one of the best ever, according to Dr. Richard Beach, director of athletics. Returning starters, several All-American candidates and strong coaching will contribute to the varsity program.

## cross country

Veteran mentor, Dr. Ken Roden, is very enthusiastic about his 1994 prospects. The Yellowjacket harriers are led by NAIA All-American Peter Pletcher, and they return most of last year's squad while adding some talented newcomers. Roden hopes to break into the top five at the NCCAA national meet after a sixth place finish in 1994 — their best finish at that meet since 1983. Roden is also looking to increase the number of women runners, and to develop that program into a more competitive unit.

## volleyball

Rookie coach Kathy Ebner inherits some good young talent from the 1993 volleyball program, and has added several recruits to that mix. Juniors Deanne Lee and Shelly Kemp are the veterans on a squad that will be dominated by freshmen and sophomores. Ebner anticipates being competitive with this group, and believes post season play is a realistic goal.

## baseball

Second-year coach Steve Barrett is excited about his team's prospects for the '94 campaign. Barrett returns virtually

his entire squad from a year ago, and that group was good enough to advance to post season play for the second year in a row. NAIA honorable mention All-American, Greg Arway, will provide veteran leadership to an experienced squad, bolstered by some talented newcomers — several of whom will contend for starting positions. At press-time the team had a 8-3-1 record—their best start ever.

## ladyjackets

The team debuts later this fall under the leadership of coach Mary Ann Orwell, who provides most of the experience for the first-year program dominated by freshmen. This group will be very talented, and despite a lack of experience, should prove to be competitive right from the start. The Ladyjackets should be a force under the backboards with over half the squad stretching 5'11" or better.

## basketball

First year coach Bill Robinson inherits a young squad (one senior) and has added some outstanding talent in this year's recruiting class. The Yellowjackets will be taller than at any time in recent memory, and should have some real quality depth. Fans can expect an up-tempo style of play accompanied by pressure defense. Brian Decker and Randall Timms provide veteran leadership for the '94 hoopsters, and Robinson is looking for this squad to contend for a post season berth.

## THE GIFT SPECTRUM

Every gift to LeTourneau University, whether small or large, is appreciated, and really helps accomplish our mission. Your gift may take one of several forms:

### FUND FOR EDUCATION EXCELLENCE

This is our annual fund for support, the lifeline of patronage that makes possible our educational mission. LeTourneau University receives no direct government operating support. Tuition paid by the students and their families does not completely cover the total cost of a LeTourneau education. Your unrestricted gifts help us offer a quality academic program.

### MATCHING GIFTS

Your gift dollars may be doubled if you work for one of the more than 1,000 U.S. companies that participate in a matching gifts program. Simply obtain the matching form from your employer, complete it and send it to us with your gift.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

LeTourneau University welcomes gifts to scholarship funds. If you wish, you may give scholarship gifts in honor of someone special or to commemorate the memory of a loved one. If you specify, you may establish your own scholarship endowment, named for your family or a loved one. Your endowment will be tracked individually. Annual awards will be given to deserving students when the fund reaches at least \$10,000. Only the income is used for scholarships, ensuring the fund's viability for years to come.

### PLANNED GIFTS

You may choose from among various types of life income gift plans. Planned gifts provide a way for you to provide an income to yourself or for another. Many offer favorable tax incentives, and all provide an attractive opportunity to make a gift of a lifetime.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE GIFT OPTIONS, CONTACT JOHN MARTIN AT (800) 259-LETU.**

## Cancelled Check No Longer Enough

By now you may have heard that receipt letters are more important than ever.

A provision of the 1993 Tax Act requires donors who itemize to have a written acknowledgment of each gift in excess of \$250. Many organizations such as LeTourneau University already provide receipt forms or recognition letters for every gift, regardless of its size. In the past, however, many taxpayers simply relied on cancelled checks as verification of their charitable giving. The message is sent clearly by the new legislation: this is no longer enough.

In order to distinguish gifts from payments to a charitable organization for a product or service, the law now requires us to make a disclosure statement. For any gift of \$250 or more, the written acknowledgment must indicate whether or not the donor received any goods or service in exchange for the gift. If something of value is provided by the charity in exchange for a gift, even under \$250, it must be described and a value declared. Exempt are certain low cost items which carry the organization's logo.

All of this may seem confusing, but chances are you are already in compliance. What can you do now to avoid snags? Be sure to keep all 1994 acknowledgment letters for your tax records.

Maybe your practice has been to keep every receipt anyway. But if not, don't worry. Charities may also provide the information periodically, such as on a year-end summary. Your 1994 gift summary from LeTourneau University will contain the proper disclosure. Be sure to consult your own advisor for information specific to your situation.

For more information on the new changes or for ideas on stretching your gift dollars, write today, or call (800) 259-LETU.



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